

SUTTON'S SISTER
IN HARD FIGHTHas New Line of Question-
ing for Mystery.

KNOWS MUCH, SHE SAYS

Will Ask Who Took His Re-
volver During Fight.Woman Will Reach Annapolis To-
day and Immediately Set to Work
to Prove that Young Lieutenant
Was Killed During Fight with His
Fellow-officers—Declares She Has
Much New Evidence to Present.Annapolis, Md., July 17.—Who took
away from Lieut. James N. Sutton his
Smith & Wesson revolver and handed it
to Sergt. James de Hart on the night of
October 12, 1907, when Sutton met his
death in a scuffle with several brother of-
ficers?De Hart threw it away into the grass,
and it was found the next morning empty.
When was it taken away from Sutton,
and was it handed to de Hart in the
dark before or after Sutton was shot?Was it empty when taken from the
young officer who was struggling on the
ground face down with several heavy
men pummeling him with might and
main, and was it fired after it was taken
away from Sutton?These are the questions that will
have to be answered before the mystery
surrounding the death of the Portland
(Oreg.) man can be explained, and a
woman believes she has the answer, and
that the verdict of the court of in-
quiry that will meet on Monday to in-
vestigate for the second time the row
in the dark will clear the name of her
dead brother from the stigma of sui-
cide.

Sister Arrives To-day.

Mrs. Mary Sutton Parker, the sister of
the dead man, is expected here to-mor-
row, and upon the evidence that she
gathered in a searching investigation
of the tragedy made just after its oc-
currence will depend the verdict of the court.For the first time in the history of the
American navy, a woman will practically
act as inquirer when the investigation
begins Monday, and it is stated here to-
night that Mrs. Parker has a mass of
testimony, letters, and documentary evi-
dence that she gathered before the in-
quiry at the secret hearings before the
board of inquiry which branded her
brother as a suicide nearly two years ago.These letters and documents and the
testimony are the result of her unaided
efforts to clear her brother's name, and
it is known that the reopening of the
case was ordered by Secretary of the
Navy George von L. Meyer after he had
seen Mrs. Parker's papers.

Contain Important Statements.

They are declared to have certain
statements from officers mixed in the af-
fair absolutely at variance with the
sworn testimony before the board of in-
quiry.Mrs. Parker proceeded in a very dif-
ferent way from the board of inquiry
when she conducted her investigation.
She was bound by no rules of evidence
and she asked some pointed questions
that angered her witnesses so much that
they are said to have told more of the
tragedy than they did to the officials of the Navy
Department.One man is declared to have told her:
"I hated your brother with a terrible af-
fection, but I did not kill him."
Another is said to have admitted au-
thorship of a letter found in Sutton's
pocket referring to a prospective duel.
Mrs. Parker delved right into the wit-
nesses and grilled them unmercifully.

Mystery of Pistol.

The officials of the Navy Department
admit that the board of inquiry which
condemned the first investigation was
absolutely unable to determine who took
Sutton's revolver away from him.De Hart said he did not know who
handed it to him or at what point in
the struggle. The board of inquiry was
also unable to determine whether Sutton
was killed from a bullet from a Smith
& Wesson revolver or a Colt's service
revolver.Tests were made in an effort to deter-
mine these facts, it was declared to-
night, and the weight of evidence pointed
that Sutton was killed by a bullet from
his Colt's service revolver, which was
taken from his hand at the moment the
fatal shot was fired.Both revolvers were of the same cal-
iber; both belonged to Sutton, and they
were the only firearms in the group of
officers in the row.

Both Sides Admit Row.

It is admitted by both the friends of
Sutton and by the Navy Department of-
ficials that there was a row when the
automobile in which were Sutton, Lieut.
E. A. Ostermann, H. H. Utley, and
Robert Adams was driven up to the
Marine Barracks.Sutton had been at the Cavalry Hotel
with Miss May E. Stewart, and
when he was about to return home he
met the other three lieutenants on the
porch of the hotel and asked them to
ride to the barracks in his machine.The row started over the question as
to whether it was against the rules for
them to be returning after midnight, and
Sutton and Adams got into an alterca-
tion. They wanted to fight, and Lieut.
Utley, the senior officer present, separated
them.

Trouble Renewed.

They started toward the camp, when
another row occurred. The testimony at
the inquiry was to the effect that Sutton
was the aggressor and struck Lieut. Oster-
mann a blow behind the ear, felling him

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WEATHER FORECAST

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Fair
to-day and to-morrow; little
change in temperature; light
westerly winds.

SMALLPOX HAS MICROBE.

Brazilian Investigators Claim to
Have Found the Germ.Rio de Janeiro, July 17.—Dr. Oswaldo
Cruz, director general of the sanitary
service, to-day made an important an-
nouncement to the Rio de Janeiro Acad-
emy of Medicine.He declared that the microbe of small-
pox, which is of animal origin, had
been discovered during bacteriological re-
searches at the Oswaldo Cruz Institute
by Drs. Henrique Beaurepaire, de Arago,
and Prowazek.MISSISSIPPI DUEL
COST TWO LIVESThree Others Seriously Hurt
and Two May Die.

CATTLE SALE CAUSES FIGHT

Participants Are Said to Have
Borne Ill Feeling for Some Time
Because Dress Worn by Relative
of One of the Men Was Compared
to a Sheath Gown.Union, Miss., July 17.—D. J. McDonald
and Peter McDonald are dead, Cornelius
Chisholm and Joseph Miller are fatally
wounded, and Murphy McDonald danger-
ously wounded as the result of a general
shooting that occurred on the streets of
the town this morning at 9 o'clock, as
the culmination of an old feud.D. J. McDonald, a wealthy cattle raiser
of this place, sold a lot of cattle in Meri-
dian, yesterday and Chisholm claimed that
some of his cattle had been included in
the lot.He went to Meridian to investigate and,
returning here, met McDonald on the
street in front of the Union Bank.While they were engaged in an argu-
ment, Peter McDonald and Joseph Miller
got into a fight and Chisholm interfered.
It is said Chisholm killed McDonald in-
stantly. D.-J. McDonald took a hand,
and he and Chisholm had a duel at short
range, resulting in D. J. McDonald's in-
stant death, and Chisholm being fatally
wounded.Joseph Miller and Murphy McDonald
were both wounded in the melee, Miller
getting several bullets. The town was
wildly excited over the tragedy and
every business house was closed up.Physicians and friends of the dead and
wounded were summoned from Meridian
and Newton and arrived here this after-
noon. A call was sent to Gov. Noel for
troops, but the soldiers are not necessary.Friends of both parties say it is an
open secret that remarks made by Miller
in reference to a dress worn by a relative
of the McDonalds, comparing it with
a sheath gown, is responsible for the trouble.Both Chisholm and Miller made state-
ments in which they declare they were
not armed. They charge that the Mc-
Donalds shot each other and that they
were the only parties in the trouble
that were armed.

NIGHT RIDER CONVICTED.

One Guilty in First Degree, but
Other Defendants Acquitted.Clarksville, Tenn., July 17.—The jury
in the Turner night-ride case, which has
been on trial in the Montgomery County
Criminal Court for the past twenty-three
days, returned a verdict to-day finding
Marion Ringhart guilty of murder in the
first degree and acquitting the other three
defendants, Will and Jesse Nicholson and
James Davis.They were charged with being mem-
bers of a band of night riders who
called Rufe Turner to his door on the
night of June 6, 1908, and shot him.Seven other prisoners are confined in
the jail charged with being accessories to
the murder.

GRAY NAMES RECEIVER.

McCall Ferry Power Company Has
Bonds Out for \$20,000,000.Philadelphia, July 17.—Judge Gray,
of the United States District Court, to-day
appointed J. E. Aldred receiver for the
McCall Ferry Power Company, of Penn-
sylvania, a concern whose combined cap-
ital stock and outstanding bonds aggre-
gate \$20,000,000.The exact amount of its capital stock
is not stated in the papers filed to-day.
The papers filed this afternoon give
the Knickerbocker Trust Company, of
New York, as the complainant. In the
affidavit it is stated that the company
has defaulted in the interest on its out-
standing bonds, which number 3,027, and
are of the par value of \$9,027,000. Of this
amount the reorganization committee
holds \$7,755,000 as trustee.

CLOCK TOLD DEATH.

Family Relic Has Habit of Stopping
When Bad News Is Coming.Elkhart, Ind., July 17.—Fortunes Miller,
a well-known citizen, received word of
the death of his mother at Three Rivers
this morning. He says he knew bad
news was coming, for the old clock which
has been in the family 137 years stopped
on Thursday night, although just wound.
Mr. Miller says it performed a similar
trick before the death of his grandfather,
his grandmother, his father, and each of
the five brothers of his grandfather.The death of a cousin was announced
by the clock striking three times at the
exact time of his death. Mr. Miller is
the only member of the family who will
keep the clock.

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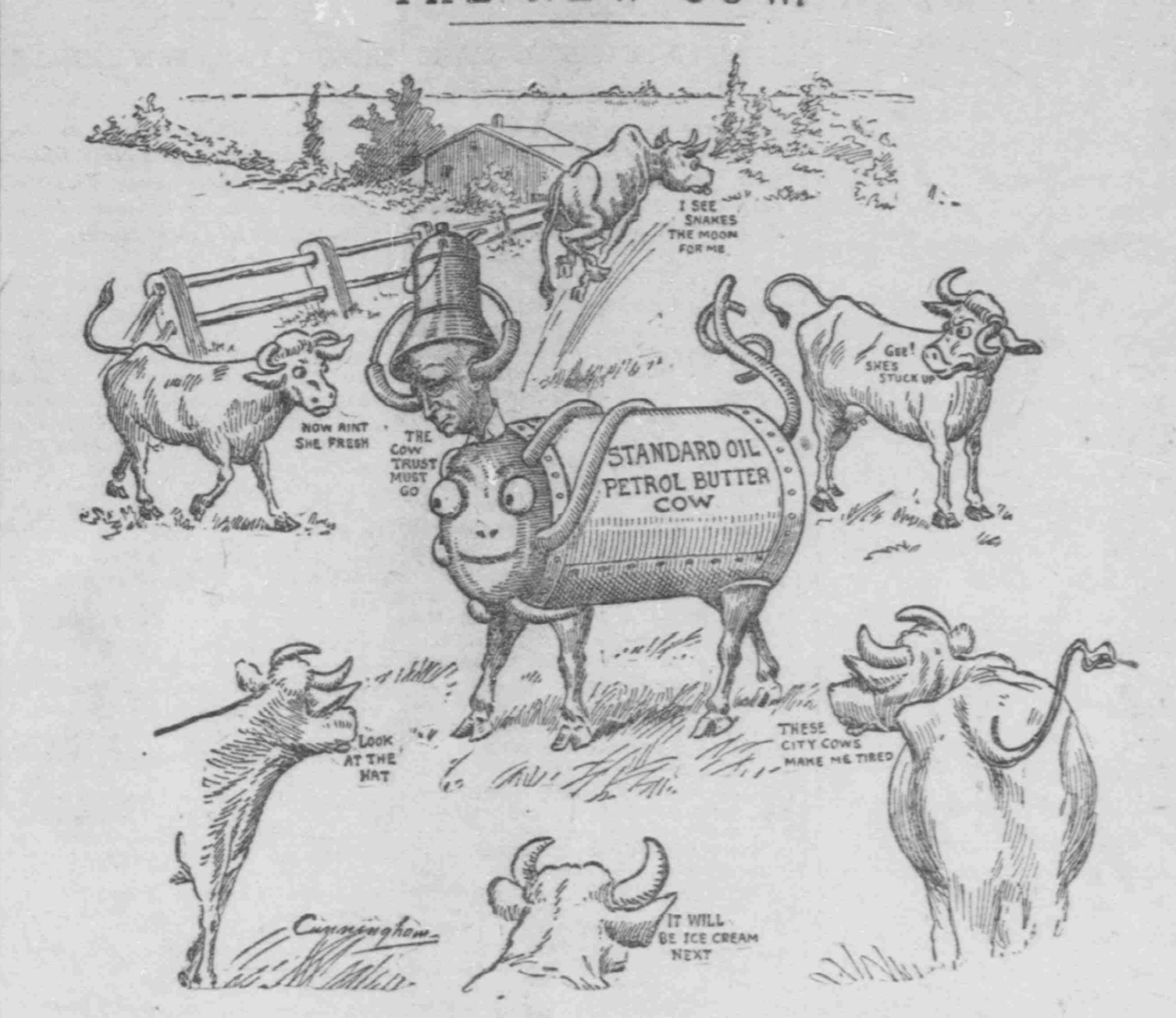
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THE NEW COW.

MRS. THAW TELLS
OF FATAL LOVEDeclares She Was Stolen
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SAYS SHE MAY MARRY AGAIN

Pretty Young Woman Admits that
in the Eyes of the World She May
Seem Bad, but Adds that She Has
Her Own Court of Ethics, Which
She Has Followed Strictly.New York, July 17.—Evelyn Nesbit
Thaw, in an interview to-day, told the
first comprehensive story that has ever
come from her lips of the events con-
nected with the tragedy on the Madison
Square Garden roof that night in June
three years ago.This takes into account her own re-
cital of her relationship with the victim
of her husband's hatred on the witness
stand."I have no desire to pose as an ex-
ample for young American women to fol-
low," she said. "I want no one to have
illusions as to what I am. But I am just
as anxious to end for all time the ridicu-
lous nonsense that is being spread about
as portraying me. I want two things
thoroughly understood."The first one is that I have never com-
mitted any crime. I am a young woman
whose unfortunate upbringing has ended
in my being connected with a so-called
murder, in which I had no part and which
I tried for three years to prevent.

Life with Thaw.

"During my married life with Thaw I
lived at home as quietly and with as
much regard for the conventions as any
woman ever had. I may marry again. It
is all a question in my mind as to the
advisability of giving up a career I have
mapped out for myself, or of settling
down to rear children in the fashion of a
good housewife and mother."If you will have the truth, I am dis-
tinctly immoral, as the world-to-day views
morals. I have my own code of ethics,
and I live up to it. But, from present
day ideals, I am immoral. There is no
question of it.Mrs. Thaw made known for the first
time that there is a man of whose she
thinks more than of any one else in the
world. She would not tell his name."But I am not a bad woman," she went
on, "in the sense that I spoke of bad
women in that first trial. If I make up
my mind to marry the man I love, I shall
do it, and the world will hunt in vain
for a chance to accuse me of indiscre-
tions. If, on the other hand, I reach
the conclusion that I am not to be ex-
pected to marry the man I love, I shall
decide it is not right for me to become
a mother and stigmatize children with
my name. I shall tell the man I love,
as I have already told him I should do,
that I cannot marry him; that our mar-
riage would be a thing to hurt us both
later."It isn't strange, then, that when Stan-
ford White singled me out and bought me
a pearl drop that cost \$10,000, and let
every one know he approved of me, it
isn't strange I thought he was the most
wonderful man in the world.

Mistake Number One.

"But mistake No. 1 comes right here,
and by mistake I mean the popular im-
pression that was gained from my cross-
examination in that first trial."You will remember I swore on the
stand I was given a drug by Stanford
White that left me unconscious at the
end of a minute. I also said I recovered
from the ill effects of that drug in less
than three hours and went home. At
that time I knew as well as any one else
that every one doubted the truth of that
statement. But it was untrue."It is true that I hated Stanford
White then or at any time. He was so
much finer and bigger-hearted and more
considerate of all women than any man
one meets in the ordinary course of events
and his unhappy attitude toward women
and girls is a fault to be minimized in
summing up his whole life career.

Stolen from White.

"Thaw stole me away from White, just
the same as men in the stone age stole
women—folk lore says such things
happened, and I understand that is the
way the old tales go."For more than a year before that
Christmas night in 1903 I had seen White

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